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SUBJECT: STATEMENTS BY MAURITIUS PERM REP RAMPHUL

1. THERE FOLLOWS SUMMARY OF MAURITIUS PERM REP RAMPHUL'S STATEMENT IN SECURITY COUNCIL ON SEPTEMBER 28 (EXCERPTED FROM USUN 4017). PROVISIONAL VERBATIM OF RAMPHUL'S REMARKS POUCHED TO EMBASSY.

BEGIN QUOTE:

RAMPHUL, SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF CURRENT CHAIRMAN OF THE OAU COUNCIL OF MINISTERS, STATED HE WANTED TO "RAISE SOME PERTINENT QUESTIONS" AND HOPED PROMPT ANSWERS WOULD BE FORTHCOMING. WAS IT TRUE THAT UNDER THE PRETEXT OF MEETING WITH VORSTER IN A NEUTRAL PLACE, SECRETARY KISSINGER MANAGED TO INVOLVE THE CHIEF NATO REPRESENTATIVE, GEN HAIG, IN THE SO-CALLED DIALOGUE? IF SO, IT WAS NOT SURPRISING AFRICANS SHOULD BE ASKING WHETHER ALL THE NATO COUNTRIES AGREED WITH THIS INVOLVEMENT. WHAT WAS THE REAL MEANING OF KISSINGER'S VENTURE INTO THE SOUTHERN AFRICA ISSUE. "WHERE THE CHIEF NATO REPRESENTATIVE IS REPORTED TO BE SECRETLY PRESENT AT MEETINGS WITH THE SOUTH AFRICAN ,RIME

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MINISTER AT A TIME OF ACUTE INTERNAL UNREST INSIDE

SOUTH AFRICA? HE HOPED FOR A RESPONSE FROM EACH OF THE NATO COUNTRIES AND THE U.S. DELEGATION AS WELL.

WAS THERE ANY TRUTH, RAMPHUL CONTINUED, IN THE REPORTS THAT KISSINGER PROPOSED THE CREATION OF AN ARMY IN NAMIBIA WHICH WOULD BE CREATED AND TRAINED FROM THE BEGINNING BY THE U.S. MILITARY PERSONNEL, EQUIPPED BY THE U.S., AND FINANCED BY THE U.S. FOR AT LEAST 10 YEARS FOLLOWING THE DEPARTURE OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN ARMY? ALL OF THIS RELATED TO THE "PUPPET GOVERNMENT" LED BY KAPUUNO WHO WAS ADVISED AT THE TURNHALLE CONFERENCE BY HIGHLY-PAID AMERICAN LAWYERS. HE WONDERED WHETHER THE USG WAS DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY PAYING THOSE LAWYERS. IT SEEMED THAT THE GREATER PART OF THE MONEY TO PAY FOR SETTING UP A PUPPET GOVERNMENT ACCEPTABLE TO THE SOUTH AFRICAN REGIME WAS TO COME FROM THE U.S. RAMPHUL ASKED THE U.S. DELEGATION TO COMMENT ON THE REPORT THAT THE USG PROPOSED AT ZURICH TO GIVE RAPID AND LARGE-SCALE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO NAMIBIA, WITH THE AIM OF TRANSFORMING IT INTO A HIGHLY CAPITALIZED ECONOMY WITHIN A SHORT TIME AFTER THE INSTALLATION OF A PUPPET TURNHALLE GOVERNMENT. "EVEN MORE ALARMING" REPORT WAS THAT THE U.S., IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, WOULD PUBLICLY GUARANTEE SOUTH AFRICA'S OWN FRONTIERS, IN RETURN FOR WHAT HAD BEEN DESCRIBED AS A MANIPULATED "SOLUTION" TO THE NAMIBIAN AND ALSO ZIMBABWEAN ISSUES. "IF SO, THIS WOULD, TO MY MIND, CONSTITUTE GREAT POWER INTERVENTION IN AFRICAN AFFAIRS WHICH IS COMPLETELY INTOLERABLE, AND WE RESPECTFULLY REQUEST AN EXPLANATION FROM THE U.S. REPRESENTATIVE," RAMPHUL DECLARED.

TURNING TO THE UK, RAMPHUL SAID IT WAS IMPERATIVE THAT THE UK MOTIVES BE EXAMINED ALSO. HMG SEEMED TO BE TOTALLY COMMITTED TO THE INTERESTS OF THE RIO TINTO ZINC COMPANY, WHICH HAD INVESTED MASSIVELY IN THE ROSSING URANIUM DEPOSITS IN NAMIBIA AND WAS ABOUT TO BRING THE MINE INTO PRODUCTION PARTNERSHIP

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WITH THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT. HE ALSO CHARGED THAT FRANCE, JAPAN, FRG AND THE U.S. WERE DEEPLY INVOLVED IN PROMOTING THE ROSSING URANIUM MINE.

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2. FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY OF RAMPHUL'S SPEECH ON OCTOBER 5 (EXCERPTED FROM USUN 4218). PROVISIONAL

VERBATIM WILL BE POUCHED AS SOON AS AVAILABLE.

BEGIN QUOTE,

MAURITIUS -- RAMPHUL ANALYZED THE AUGUST 18 WINDHOEK STATEMENT, AND SAID IT SHOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED A STEP FORWARD AS SECRETARY KISSINGER HAD TERMED IT. IT WAS A FORMULA FOR CONTINUED SOUTH AFRICAN DOMINATION. THE EVIDENCE SUPPORTING HIS CONCLUSIONS CAME FROM NEWS STORIES, CONFERENCE STATEMENTS, DOCUMENTS, AND THE TESTIMONY OF CHIEF KAPUUNO'S AMERICAN ATTORNEYS IN A CONGRESSIONAL HEARING AUGUST 31. ALTHOUGH IT HAD BEEN CONTEMPLATED THAT THE SOUTH AFRICAN MILITARY WOULD REMAIN IN NAMIBIA AFTER "INDEPENDENCE", AT THE "INVITATION" OF THE GOVERNMENT, NOW IT APPEARED THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER SUGGESTED SENDING -- MOSTLY BLACK -- AMERICAN MILITARY ADVISERS, EXPERTS AND TRAINERS TO CREATE AND INDOCTRINATE A BLACK NAMIBIAN ARMY TO "PROTECT" NAMIBIA UNTIL THAT INDIGENOUS ARMY WAS READY. CHIEF KAPUUNO, WHO WAS BEING TOUTED FOR THE PRESIDENCY, WOULD BE A MERE FIGUREHEAD, WHILE THE PRIME MINISTER WOULD BE WHITE AND CONTROL THE GOVERNMENT. A KAPUUNO GOVERNMENT WOULD BE AN ATTEMPT TO RECONCILE THE GROWING PRESSURE OF NATIONALISM WITH THE STRATEGIC NEEDS OF SOUTH AFRICA AND ITS ALLIES, BUT SUCH A COMPROMISE WOULD BE HIGHLY UNSTABLE, SINCE THE WAR WOULD THEN EXPAND FURTHER. RAMPHUL REFERRED TO THE IMPLICATION OF RATIFYING THE EXISTING DIVISION OF LAND, CONTINUATION OF BANTUSTANS AND FOREIGN EXPLOITATION. SOUTH AFRICA'S EFFORTS TO ENSURE "STABILITY" IN THE AREA WOULD MEAN THE "STABILITY" OF APARTHEID AND COLONIALISM. COMMENTING THAT THE UNCLASSIFIED

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U.S. INTERVENED IN ANGOLA TO PREVENT THE DOMINOES FROM FALLING IN THAT PART OF THE WORLD, HE SAID SOME SAW THE LIBERATION STRUGGLE AS A "COMMUNIST PLOT", BUT AT THIS STAGE IN ITS-DEVELOPMENT AFRICA WAS NOT CONCERNED WITH EAST OR WEST EUROPEAN IDEOLOGY.

CONTINUING, RAMPHUL SAID THAT DIPLOMATIC INITIATIVES OF CERTAIN COUNTRIES WERE DESIGNED TO BUY TIME FOR SOUTH AFRICA SO IT COULD INSTALL A CLIENT REGIME, THUS "SAFEGUARDING" SOUTH AFRICAN AND WESTERN INTERESTS, AND, IN PARTICULAR, END THAT ARMED STRUGGLE TO WHICH SECRETARY KISSINGER RECENTLY REFERRED AS THE DANGER WHICH MIGHT RADICALIZE AFRICA.

BUT WAS IT "RADICALIZATION" THAT WAS FEARED OR

"LIBERATION"? HE ASKED. THE SOLUTION WAS A UN CONFERENCE IN WHICH THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT WOULD NEGOTIATE WITH SWAPO DIRECTLY AND FIX THE MODALITIES OF ITS DEPARTURE.

RAMPHUL SAID HE HAD SOME COMMENTS TO MAKE ON THE U.S. REPRESENTATIVE'S REPLIES TO HIS EARLIER QUESTIONS AND WOULD MAKE THEM IN THE FORM OF A LETTER. THE TERM "FRONT-LINE STATES" WAS A JOURNALISTIC TERM "DESIGNED TO DIVIDE". THE PRESIDENTS OF THE STATES WERE MANDATED BY THE OAU BECAUSE OF THEIR PROXIMITY TO THE AREA, AND THE CURRENT CHAIRMAN WAS THE PRIME MINISTER OF MAURITIUS WHO WAS CONSTANTLY IN TOUCH WITH THE LEADERS OF THE SO-CALLED "FRONT-LINE STATES" AND ALL OF AFRICA WAS COMMITTED TO THE OAU SUMMIT RESOLUTIONS. ANY DELIBERATE CONFUSION CREATED AT THE UN ON THE PART OF ANYBODY IN THIS CONTEXT COULD ONLY BE INTERPRETED AS AN ATTEMPT TO DIVIDE AFRICA, AND "SUCH ATTEMPTS WILL BE EXPOSED AND RESOLUTELY RESISTED," HE DECLARED. NO ONE SHOULD EVER QUESTION HIS MANDATE WHEN HE SPOKE ON BEHALF OF HIS GOVERNMENT OR ON BEHALF OF THE OAU. AFRICA WAS UNITED UNDER THE BANNER OF THE OAU AND "WE WILL NOT BE DIVIDED," RAMPHUL CONCLUDED.

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